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BASIL KIRTON 1983 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Basil Kirton presented with award by Board Chairman Wade Shealy and Harry W. Davis, Jr., DYS Commissioner.

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STATE DOCUMENTS

Basil "Kirt" Kirton, maintenance mechanic in charge of the physical facility of the Birchwood Campus, was named 1983 Employee of the Year during the annual awards ceremony, March 15, in the Birchwood Chapel in Columbia. Board Chairman, Wade Shealy and Commissioner Harry W. Davis, Jr., presented Mr. Kirton with an engraved plaque and letter of commendation from Governor Richard W. Riley.

Kirton, representing the administration division, was recognized for outstanding professional service and dedication to the Department. He began his career with DYS 10 years ago working in the dairy. As chief maintenance mechanic for the Birchwood Campus, he is responsible for the care and repair of such things as buildings, pumps, heating and air conditioning, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, and locks. His knowledge and expertise in these areas have resulted in

several written commendations from campus directors and employees of all levels.

Nic Church, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, said of Kirton, "He reminds me of the old days when hard work and a job was a privilege. He is a hard worker who appreciates the opportunity to work and displays his enthusiasm to everyone he comes in contact with. He holds my absolute respect."

Kirton is retired from the SC National Guard where he served for 26 years. In the 10 years he has been with DYS, he missed only 3 days for illness.

When not busy "fixing things" for the Department, Kirt can be found participating in two bowling leagues and cooking chicken boggs, barbeque, and fish fries for large groups. He and wife Evelyn Kay have two sons and a granddaughter.

*Get Ready For***CAMP PAUPI-WIN**

When it is spring, you know summer is not far away and that means DYS annual summer camp. Plans have been underway for months for the third annual summer camp scheduled for August 5 through 10 at the Clemson Outdoor Lab. **Tommie Oglesby**, Region I Director (Greenville), and **Mike Gannon**, Prevention Specialist for Region IV (Columbia), are this year's camp co-chairmen. Camp Paupi-Win provides an outdoor experience for approximately 125 DYS clients on probation between the ages of 12 and 15.

Ray Cavanagh, Finance Chairman for the Camp, is seeking contributions from businesses statewide to raise \$15,000 to defray the cost of the Camp. The Finance Committee will award the county office that brings in the most money a trophy. County leaders will coordinate the donations for funds as well as such things as clothes, camping equipment, fishing gear, and food. To date the Kershaw Office (Region IV) has turned in \$50 and the Aiken Office (Region III) \$250. A large contribution is expected from the St. Patricks Day Festival at Five Points in Columbia. They are still counting the money!

Employees wishing to volunteer to be camp counselors should contact **Denise Dull**, in Anderson at 261-4041.

Statewide DYS Volunteer
Recognition and Reception
May 10, 1984
6:30 p.m.
Birchwood Chapel
Guest Speaker
Representative Parker Evatt

**Principal for Willow Lane Jr. High
Meda C. Cobb**

Meda C. Cobb has been named principal of Willow Lane Junior High and Willow Lane Annex located at the R&E Center. Meda has been with the Department since July, 1972. She has served as a guidance counselor at John G. Richards, Birchwood High School, and Willow Lane Junior High. A graduate of Dreher High School in Columbia, she has a B.S. degree from Winthrop College, M.Ed. in guidance and counseling and Masters of Criminal Justice from U.S.C. She is married to Dan Cobb, Assistant Director of Special Education Programs, Richland #2.

Board Room News

Mr. Wallace D. Connor, attorney from Kingstree, has been appointed by Governor Riley to fill a vacancy on the Juvenile Parole Board.

"Thank you" to Board Member Reverend Jerry Wolff and the Dixie Trophy Company for donating a "traveling trophy" for the basketball championship game between the Georgia Division of Youth Services and the South Carolina Department of Youth Services boys' basketball team. Our students won 75-73 in overtime.

Audit Review

Congratulations to Finance, Personnel, and Property Management Sections of Administration and the entire DYS staff! State auditors have finished reviewing DYS' 1982-83 records and granted us a clean bill of health. This is a remarkable feat considering the merger of administration systems two years ago.



Other employees recognized for outstanding service to the Department from their divisions and presented with letters of commendation during the awards ceremony were:

Julius Duke, DYS Counselor from Florence, Division of Community Programs.

Yu-Fong Chong, Director of Volunteer Services, Commissioner's Office.

Brenda L. Hennigan, Administrative Specialist, Division of Institutional Programs.

Pamela H. Gallion, Administrative Specialist, Division of Institutional Programs.

Judith M. Talbot, Psychologist, Supervisor of Charleston Treatment Unit, Division of Treatment.

Service Pins were also presented to 52 employees for 10 years of employment in South Carolina State Government. Following the awards ceremony, a reception was held in the Birchwood Gymnasium with refreshments prepared by the Food Service Staff.



Food Service Staff

Real People

Hank Murphy, Probation Counselor, Sumter, has been selected as the 1983 JACS Volunteer of the Year for SC (Joint Action in Community Services).



B. T. Tolar, CIC Orangeburg, and wife, Donna, have a baby girl, Tiffany Nicole, born March 5.



Thomas Macky, Jr., Vocational Teacher, Birchwood High School, was selected as State Judge in the automotive trouble shooting contest sponsored by the State Department of Education.



Ray Cavanagh, Director of Court Services, Aiken, and Dr. Ruth Cordahi, Professor of Education of USC-A, presented a paper titled "Providing Realistic Field Experiences: A Collaborative Project" at the 64th annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in New Orleans. This project is a tutorial program operated cooperatively with USC-A, Dept. of Education, DYS, and Aiken County School District.



Ms. Gayle Whisonant, secretary, has joined the York County Staff.



Ronnie Jackson, Counselor in Allendale, has been appointed Chairman of the Bike-A-Thon to benefit the South Carolina Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Allendale Fairfax.

Pruitt Named To Employee Relations Position

Earl L. Pruitt has been promoted to Employee Relations Officer for Youth Services. As Employee Relations Officer, Pruitt will be responsible for monitoring the Department's Affirmative Action Plan. Since coming to the Department in 1978 Pruitt has worked as a DYS Counselor for social services delivery to youth at Shenandoah Group Home and Hope House Runaway Shelter. While there he was also responsible for training student interns, recruiting and training volunteers, and developing youth activities.

Pruitt, originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina, served in the United States Air Force and received his BS in psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is a member of the Advisory Council of Young Volunteers in Action.



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LeFever Selected by Governor

Michael G. LeFever, Deputy Commissioner, has been selected by Governor Riley as one of the five "Up and Coming" managers in State Government in South Carolina to participate in the Top State Manager's Executive Education Program at Duke University. This program is sponsored by Southern Growth Policies Board and will be conducted by Duke University Institute of Policy Sciences, May 20-25, 1984.

Walter Waddell, State Prevention Specialist, was recently elected President of the South Carolina Primary Prevention Council.

Lucia Quinn, Institutional Psychology, and Ronnie Huggins, former DYS social worker, presented a paper on adolescent sex offenders at the South Carolina Personnel and Guidance Associations Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Recovery

John M. "Rocky" Harden II, Counselor -In-Charge, in Pickens wishes to thank everyone for every gesture of kindness shown to his family during the recent illness of his son, "Rocky III."

It is with pleasure he reports that Rocky III was given a clean bill of health on February 7, 1984, just a little over two weeks after his open heart surgery.

PROMOTIONS

December - March

Carroll Yongue
Homer Hill, Jr.
Eartha Moye
Morris Bays
Perry Rivers
Anthony Adams
Matthew Dickerson
Donald Jenkins
John R. Williams
Jose Morales
Patricia Jones
Meda Cobb
Italean Hudson
Letitia Brown
Earl Pruitt
William E. Sharpe, Jr.
Lloyd J. Thomas
Jerry L. McPherson
Willie Entzminger
Carolyn Corley
Michael J. Gannon
Willia M. Davis
John Thomas Bray III

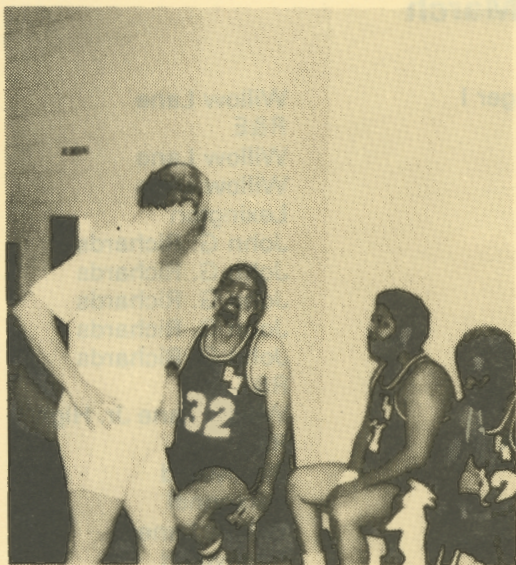
Supply and Service Manager I
JCO Supervisor I
JCOS II
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DYS Counselor I
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CJCOS II
JCOS I
Principal
Administrative Specialist A
Social Worker III
Personnel Specialist III
JCO Supervisor I
JCOS II
Maintenance Mechanic Building/Grounds
CJCOS I
CYS Counselor I
Regional Prevention Specialist
Juvenile Specialist Supervisor
DYS Counselor III

Willow Lane
R&E
Willow Lane
Willow Lane
Lexington
John G. Richards
John G. Richards
John G. Richards
John G. Richards
John G. Richards
R&E
Willow Lane Jr. High
R&E
Birchwood
Personnel
Willow Lane
Birchwood

John G. Richards
Shenandoah
Region IV (Columbia)
Shenandoah
Greenville



DYS Managers and Administrators attended a two-day workshop at Hickory Knob State Park with Dr. Bill Morgenroth, who helped them assess management and leisure styles.



Congratulating the "other" team



*"To the showers"
—another good instruction by the coach*



We could have won—if only he'd fouled her!



Another good call by the referees

Staff Basketball

DYS staffers got together for a "friendly" competitive basketball game. SCN Center, Team Captain Joe Benton, was narrowly beaten by Institutional Administration, Team Captain Chuck Lindsay. Willow Lane Youth Counselors beat out Birchwood Youth Counselors while the R&E team beat the John G. Richards team.